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To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: Possible Formation of Subcommittee on CALFED

The Delta Protection Commission has a number of subcommittees which meet in smaller groups, in meetings accessible to the public, to discuss matters and make recommendation to the full Commission for action. The subcommittees do not have the authority to make decisions on their own. The subcommittees do provide a means of hearing from interested parties in a more informal setting, and allow fuller discussion of issues of concern to the Commission.

Since the December 1994 accord was signed creating the CALFED process, staff has been following and participating in the CALFED planning process. Staff reports to the Commission on issues, reports, workshops, and other CALFED items which may be of interest or concern to the Commission.

Staff has prepared and sent several letters to CALFED, with review and approval by the Chairman, based on the Commission's adopted policies and recommendations in the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta. The Commission receives copies of those letters after they are mailed.

In the near future, CALFED will be releasing several major proposals regarding certain aspects of the overall CALFED program, will be drafting a programmatic environmental document, will be making recommendations about grant applications to be funded from Prop 204 funds, and other actions. Staff would like the Commission to determine if it would be helpful to set up a subcommittee to advise staff on Commission policy issues associated with the CALFED program, and to make recommendations to the full Commission about positions or comments regarding the CALFED process.

In particular, upcoming areas of interest include: Ecosystem Roundtable, which will be making recommendations about grants for projects; the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan, which will affect land uses in the Delta; and Water Storage and Conveyance, issues which will affect transport of water through and/or around the Delta (see attached schedule of upcoming meetings).

At the last meeting, Commissioners Mello and Curry indicated interest in a CALFED subcommittee. Generally, Commissioners volunteer to participate in the subcommittees based on interest; there is no set number of members.



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Date: February 27, 1997

To: BDAC Members

From: Judy Kelly, Deputy Director *Judy Kelly*
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: Opportunities for Public Involvement in Phase II

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has made an on-going commitment to involve Californians throughout the state in the process to develop a long-term solution for the Bay-Delta system. As the Program begins to integrate the Program components and initiates impact analysis, the Program's public involvement and outreach efforts will continue and intensify.

Actions Since October, 1996

At the October BDAC meeting, members were given an overview of public involvement efforts. Since October, several additional activities have occurred.

- In November, the Ecosystem Restoration Program held a public workshop seeking input on the process to establish ecosystem restoration targets.
- Workshops reviewing and seeking comments on the Water Quality and System Integrity programs were held in January and February.
- BDAC Work Groups on ecosystem restoration, water use efficiency, and assurances have continued providing public forums for discussions on development of those Program components.
- Public meetings on assessment tools for fisheries for the Environmental Impact Report/Statement were held in February.
- Presentations about the CALFED Program by the staff and Lester Snow were made to several organizations including: the Conference on Environmental Science and Policy, the Metropolitan Water District Member and Subagency Conference, the Association of California Water Agencies, the Annual Conference of County Agricultural Commissioners, the California Irrigation Institute, the Kern County Water Agency, the Western Grower's Association, the Newhall Land Company, and business and government leaders in the Silicon Valley.
- Preparation of a Briefing Book was initiated which will be used for briefing legislative and other decision makers.

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Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

Future Opportunities for Involvement

A current calendar of public meetings is enclosed in this packet. Events of particular significance this spring include:

- March 20th - Water Use Efficiency/Storage & Conveyance Workshops
- April 8th - Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan Workshop
- May 15th - Finance/Assurances Workshops

These events will be opportunities to review interim drafts of Program component documents and progress to date. Following the Program component workshops, BDAC, work groups and other public meetings will provide additional opportunities for public review and comment on the drafts and alternatives.

In addition, there will be several opportunities for public involvement in the Programmatic EIR/EIS development process. These opportunities revolve around two areas of activity, impact analysis and public review of the draft document and are listed below.

Impact Analysis

- Discussion of Impact Analysis
Assessment Tools April 1997
- Discussion of Results of Impact Analysis June - August 1997

Draft EIR/EIS

- Public Review of Draft, including
public hearings and workshops November 1997 - May 1998

Final EIR/EIS

- Public Review of Final EIR/EIS August 1998 - September 1998



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CALFED Bay-Delta Program
Public Involvement Calendar
1997

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact
March	5	BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group	1416 Ninth Street, Room 1131 Sacramento 9 a.m. - Noon	Dick Daniel
	11	BDAC Assurances Work Group	1416 Ninth Street, Room 1131 Sacramento 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Mary Scoonover
	12	BDAC Meeting	Beverly Garland Hotel 1780 Tribute Road Sacramento 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Sharon Gross
	20	Joint Water Use Efficiency and Storage and Conveyance Workshop	Sacramento Convention Center Room 204 Sacramento 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Rick Soehren Stein Buer
	26	BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group	1416 Ninth Street, Room 1131 Sacramento 9 a.m. - Noon	Dick Daniel
April	8	Ecosystem Restoration Workshop	Beverly Garland Hotel 1780 Tribute Road Sacramento 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Dick Daniel
	10	BDAC Meeting	Sacramento Convention Center Sacramento 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Sharon Gross
	24	BDAC Assurances Work Group	Location to be announced Sacramento	Mary Scoonover
	30	BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group	1416 Ninth Street, Room 1131 Sacramento 9 a.m. - Noon	Dick Daniel
May	15	Assurances and Finance Workshop	Location to be announced Sacramento	Mary Scoonover Zach McReynolds

Current as of February 26, 1997

Please Note: Changes may occur to this schedule. Confirm time/date/place by calling the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Hotline at (916) 654-9924.

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